

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GALVESTON DIVISION**

TERRY PETTEWAY, THE  
HONORABLE DERRECK ROSE,  
MICHAEL MONTEZ, SONNY  
JAMES and PENNY POPE,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
and HONORABLE MARK HENRY,  
in his official capacity as Galveston  
County Judge,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-57

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
GALVESTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT, and  
HONORABLE MARK HENRY, in  
his official capacity as Galveston  
County Judge,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-93

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Dickinson Bay Area Branch NAACP,  
GALVESTON BRANCH NAACP,  
MAINLAND BRANCH NAACP,  
GALVESTON LULAC COUNCIL  
151, EDNA COURVILLE, JOE A.  
COMPIAN, and LEON PHILLIPS,

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-117

<i>Plaintiffs,</i>	§
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v.	§
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GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS,	§
HONORABLE MARK HENRY, in	§
his official capacity as Galveston	§
County Judge, and DWIGHT D.	§
SULLIVAN, in his official capacity as	§
Galveston County Clerk	§
	§
<i>Defendants.</i>	§
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**DEFENDANTS’ NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY**

Defendants, Galveston County, Texas, Honorable Mark Henry, the Galveston County Commissioners Court, and Dwight D. Sullivan (collectively, “Defendants”) file this notice of additional authority to alert the Court of the decision in *Petteway et al. v. Galveston County, et al.*, No. 3:13-cv-00308 (S.D. Tex. Aug. 31, 2022) (ECF 78) (attached as Exhibit A).

In support of their claims under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, both the NAACP and the United States complaints rely on the 2012 DOJ objection letter regarding Galveston County’s then Constable and Justice of the Peace (“JP”) precincts as supporting evidence of past discrimination. NAACP First Am. Compl. at page 2 and ¶¶ 36-40, 100-102 (ECF 38); United States First Am. Compl. ¶¶ 8, 26-29, 37, 95, 114 (ECF 30). Similar to the litigation here, the Galveston County Constable and JP precincts were the subject of litigation alleging Voting Rights Act and constitutional violations under both a discriminatory results and intentional vote dilution theories.

On August 31, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued its ruling finding that the 2013 JP and Constable precincts did not violate either the Constitution or Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act under an intentional vote dilution theory. *See* Ex. A. The court had previously dismissed the Plaintiffs claims under a Section 2 Voting Rights Act discriminatory results theory. *See* Ex. A at 1.

In their pending Motions to Dismiss, Defendants contend that this Court should disregard the 2012 Department of Justice letter regarding the Commissioners Court precincts as containing nothing more than non-binding legal conclusions. *See, e.g.,* Defs.’ Mot. To Dismiss at 24-26 (ECF 47). This Court should also disregard that 2012 Department of Justice letter because the Court here has determined that the 2012 Department of Justice letter that made substantially similar allegations about the Constable and JP precincts lacks merit.

DATED: September 8, 2022

*Respectfully submitted,*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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